UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK HIERNO S. DIALLO 2016 NOY 28 PM 4: 52 S.D. OF N.Y. (In the space above enter the full name(s) of the plaintiff(s).) COMPLAINT FOR EMPLOYMENT -against-DISCRIMINATION Jury Trial: Yes WHOLE FOODS MARKET GROUP, INC. (check one) (In the space above enter the full name(s) of the defendant(s). If you cannot fit the names of all of the defendants in the space provided, please write "see attached" in the space above and 16CV 9228 attach an additional sheet of paper with the full list of names. Typically, the company or organization named in your charge to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should be named as a defendant. Addresses should not be included here.) This action is brought for discrimination in employment pursuant to: (check only those that apply) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17 (race, color, gender, religion, national origin). NOTE: In order to bring suit in federal district court under Title VII, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue Letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as codified, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 - 634. NOTE: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, you must first file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12112 -NOTE: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue Letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. New York State Human Rights Law, N.Y. Exec. Law §§ 290 to 297 (age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic chacteristics, marital status). New York City Human Rights Law, N.Y. City Admin. Code §§ 8-101 to

citizenship status).

131 (actual or perceived age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, disability, marital status, partnership status, sexual orientation, alienage,

I.	Parties in this complaint:
Α.	List your name, address and telephone number. Do the same for any additional plaintiffs named. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.
Plaintif	Name THIERNO S. DIALLO Street Address 1640 GRAND AVE, 1A County, City RRONX, State & Zip Code NEW YORK, 10453 Telephone Number 646 - 251 - 8334
В.	List all defendants' names and the address where each defendant may be served. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.
Defend	Street Address 550 BOWIE STREET County, City AUST IN State & Zip Code TEXAS, 78703 - 4644 Telephone Number
C.	The address at which I sought employment or was employed by the defendant(s) is: Employer WHOLF FOOD MARKET - MTE Street Address 226 E 57th ST County, City NEW YORK State & Zip Code NEW YORK 10022 Telephone Number 646-497-1222
discrim to supp	Statement of Claim: briefly as possible the <u>facts</u> of your case, including relevant dates and events. Describe how you were inated against. If you are pursuing claims under other federal or state statutes, you should include facts ort those claims. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases. If you intend to allege a number of related
claims, necessa	number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional sheets of paper as
A. The	e discriminatory conduct of which I complain in this action includes: (check only those that apply)
97	Failure to hire me. Termination of my employment. Failure to promote me. Failure to accommodate my disability. Unequal terms and conditions of my employment.

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		Retaliation.					
		Other acts (specify):				•
	Note:	Only those grounds Commission can be discrimination statu	s raised in the charge considered by the fede tes.	filed with ral distric	n the Equal ct court und	Employment er the federal	Opportunity employment
B.	It is my	y best recollection that	at the alleged discrimina	tory acts	occurred on	$\frac{12-02}{\text{Date(s)}}$	-2015.
C.	I believ	ve that defendant(s) (check one):			8	
		is still com	mitting these acts against	me.			
		is not still c	ommitting these acts aga	ainst me.		•	
D.	Defend	lant(s) discriminated	against me based on my	(check o	nly those tha	t apply and ex	plain):
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	Note:	your charge filed w	ort for the facts of your with the Equal Employm Rights or the New York	ent Oppo	rtunity Com	mission, the N	lew York State
m.	Exhau	ustion of Federal A	Administrative Reme	dies:			
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(Continued) the store team leader, my team leader and myself. I was informed of a report with allegations that I stayed beyond my lunch break made by my Assistant Team Leader (ATL). I explained to that I spent the time in the WFM-U office working on resume and my professional development, then I used the restroom and prayed but that did not saved me from being terminated even though I have been one of the hardest worker all the times.

Going back few days ago—less than a week—my teammate received a "writing warning" for a similar situation as mine, precisely for not returning to the sales floor for around 30 mins. That co-worker was given that sanction even though was not on break and was not able to give a reason to explain the fact of not being seen for that long. To my difference, I received the ultimate penalty despite the fact that I was on my break as entitled.

Before that day, I have been trying to improve my situation in my workplace for a while, as I am supposed to, to benefit opportunities that are available for all team members, including but not limited to career development, equal opportunity, fair and equal treatment in the workplace, etc. That day I was in the WFM-U working on finding a position in another store and try to transfer there as I was not anymore happy in the store because my team leadership was not giving my chance to be successful as I was working hard to reach my goals.

I worked harder every day since my first day of work and it took me not less than two years to be offered a Full-time position and benefits that goes with it such as medical and others. Which I found unfair when I was seeing new hired being offered Full-time positions and benefits right after being hired, even when they did not have any experience in the department. Among others benefits and opportunities, my former employer offers employees the opportunity to transfer within the store or the company after you are voted as a Team member; to be upgraded to PT20 and get some benefits if you are working more than 20 hours a week; a raises of wage twice the first year and once every year from the second year; to pick shifts in other department as they are available to allow team member to get extra-hour and experience in different department.

I my case, even though I have tried until my last days of employment to get those benefit and opportunities, it turned unsuccessfully and when I succeeded, I had to seek them incessantly even when I was entitled because my team leadership was able either to delay it or just prevent me from getting it. In respect to the transfer, until my last days I have tried but I was never successful in doing it even when another team leader offered me a position and me meeting the requirements because my team leadership used to tell me. "... you are a hard worker, I need you and prefer to keep you...". Which make sense but my same leadership was not allowing me to benefits from being a hard worker. For a year, I have worked overnight shifts during which period I got scheduled to work only one shift in a week while others were

В.	The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (check one):
	has not issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter.
	issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter, which I received on SEP. 29, 2016 (Date).
	Note: Attach a copy of the Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to this complaint.
C.	Only litigants alleging age discrimination must answer this Question.
	Since filing my charge of age discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct (check one):
	60 days or more have elapsed.
	less than 60 days have elapsed.
IV.	Relief:
WHE	REFORE, plaintiff prays that the Court grant such relief as may be appropriate, including injunctive s, damages, and costs, as follows:
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Desc	ribe relief sought, including amount of damages, if any, and the basis for such relief.)
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1 dec	lare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Signe	d this 28 day of NOVEMBER, 2016.
	42 (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	Signature of Plaintiff
	Address 1640 GKAND AVE
	ATT. 1A
	*KONX, NY 10453
	Telephone Number 646-251-8334
	Fax Number (if you have one)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS

125 W	no S. Diallo V. 137th Street, Apt 1B York, NY 10030	From:	New York District Off 33 Whitehall Street 5th Floor New York, NY 10004	ice
	On behalf of person(s) aggrieved whose identity is CONFIDENTIAL (29 CFR §1601.7(a))			
EEOC Charge	e No. EEOC Representative			Telephone No.
16G-2016-	Holly M. Woodyard,			
	Trace a Ecour Fogram			(212) 336-3643
THE EEOC	IS CLOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR TI			
	The facts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under	any or the s	statutes enforced by the EE	OC.
Your allegations did not involve a disability as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act.				
	The Respondent employs less than the required number of employees or is not otherwise covered by the statutes.			red by the statutes.
	Your charge was not timely filed with EEOC; in other words, you waited too long after the date(s) of the alleged discrimination to file your charge			the date(s) of the alleged
	The EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon its investigation, the EEOC is unable to conclude that the information obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.			
X	The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local	fair employn	nent practices agency that	investigated this charge.
	Other (briefly state)			
	- NOTICE OF SI (See the additional information			
You may file lawsuit mus	e Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Intion in Employment Act: This will be the only notice a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal left be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this me limit for filing suit based on a claim under state laws.	e of dismis aw based o s notice : o	sal and of your right to son this charge in federal or your right to sue based	sue that we will send you. or state court. Your
Equal Pay Act (EPA): EPA suits must be filed in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible.				
	On behalf	of the Comi	mission	SEP 2 9 2016
Enclosures(s)	Kevin J. District D)	(Date Mailed)
cc:	Jionio, L			
Att	n: Director of Human Resources			

Attn: Director of Human Resources WHOLE FOODS MARKET GROUP, INC. 550 Bowie Street Austin, TX 78703



ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor HELEN DIANE FOSTER
Commissioner

December 14, 2015

Thierno S. Diallo 125 W. 137th Street, Apt 1B New York, NY 10030

Re:

Thierno S. Diallo v. Whole Foods Market Group, Inc.

Case No. 10178928

Dear Thierno S. Diallo:

Please be advised that this office has received your complaint. Your filing date is 12/14/2015.

A copy of your complaint, and the determination, will be sent to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), so that your complaint may be dual-filed under applicable federal law. Your EEOC charge number is 16GB600846.

To protect your rights, it is essential that the Division be notified promptly of any change in your address or telephone number. A form is enclosed for this purpose.

You will be contacted by the Human Rights Specialist assigned to your case when the active investigation of your complaint begins. In the meantime, if you have any questions please call our office at (212) 961-8650.

Very truly yours,

David E. Powell Regional Director

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NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS on the Complaint of

THIERNO S. DIALLO,

Complainant,

WHOLE FOODS MARKET GROUP, INC.,

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Respondent.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT Pursuant to Executive Law, Article 15

Case No. 10178928

Federal Charge No. 16GB600846

I, Thierno S. Diallo, residing at 125 W. 137th Street, Apt 1B, New York, NY, 10030, charge the above named respondent, whose address is 550 Bowie Street, Austin, TX, 78703-4644 with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment in violation of Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York (Human Rights Law) because of national origin, opposed discrimination/retaliation.

Date most recent or continuing discrimination took place is 12/2/2015.

The allegations are:

I am of African descent and I opposed discrimination. Because of this, I have been subject to unlawful discriminatory actions.

SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION OF DISCRIMINATION

Based on the foregoing, I charge respondent with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment because of national origin, opposed discrimination/retaliation, in violation of the New York State Human Rights Law (Executive Law, Article 15), Section 296.

I also charge the above-named respondent with violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (covers race, color, creed, national origin, sex relating to employment). I hereby authorize SDHR to accept this verified complaint on behalf of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) subject to the statutory limitations contained in the aforementioned law(s).



DESCRIPTION OF DISCRIMINATION - for <u>all complaints</u> (Public Accommodation, Employment, Education, Housing, and all other regulated areas listed on Page 3)

Please tell us more about each act of discrimination that you experienced. Please include dates, names of people involved, and explain why you think it was discriminatory. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

If you need more space to write, please continue writing on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the complaint form. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

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NOTARIZATION OF THE COMPLAINT

Based on the information contained in this form, I charge the above-named Respondent with an unlawful discriminatory practice, in violation of the New York State Human Rights Law.

By filing this complaint, I understand that I am also filing my employment complaint with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under the Americans With Disabilities Act (covers disability related to employment), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (covers race, color, religion, national origin, sex relating to employment), and/or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended (covers ages 40 years of age or older in employment), or filing my housing/credit complaint with HUD under Title VIII of the Federal Fair Housing Act, as amended (covers acts of discrimination in housing), as applicable. This complaint will protect your rights under Federal Law.

I hereby authorize the New York State Division of Human Rights to accept this complaint on behalf of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, subject to the statutory limitations contained in the aforementioned law and/or to accept this complaint on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and additional filing by them, subject to the statutory limitations contained the in aforementioned law.

I have not filed any other civil action, nor do I have an action pending before any administrative agency, under any state or local law, based upon this same unlawful discriminatory practice.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I am the complainant herein; that I have read (or have had read to me) the foregoing complaint and know the contents of this complaint; and that the foregoing is true and correct, based on my current knowledge, information, and belief.

Sign your full legal name

GLENN NICHTENHAUSER Notary Public, State of New York Qualified in Queens County No. 01NI4983666 Commission Expires July 1, 29 C

day of

Subscribed and sworn before me

County: Commission expires:

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Please note: Once this form is notarized and returned to the Division, it becomes a legal document and an official complaint with the Division of Human rights. After the Division accepts your complaint, this form will be sent to the company or person(s) whom you are accusing of discrimination.



New York State Division of Human Rights Complaint Form

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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My contact information:	ν,	REOLDING OF LICE	V
Name: THERNO	S. DIALTO	·	
Address: 125 W 13	7th ST Apt o	or Floor #:	
City: NEW YORK	State: 1	zip:10550	
REGULATED AREAS	ä		
I believe I was discriminated a	against in the area of:	☐ Volunteer firefighting	
☐ Apprentice Training	☐ Boycotting/Blacklisting	☐ Credit	
☐ Public Accommodations (Restaurants, stores, hotels, movie theaters amusement parks, etc.)	☐ Housing☐ Commercial Space	□ Labor Union, Employment Agencies□ Internship	
I am filing a complaint agains	+•		
Company or Other Name: Address: 226 City: 1 Telephone Number: 446 4 (area code)	State: NY 1221	MARKET Zip: 10022	
Individual people who discriminated Name: NATHAN NA Title: TEAM (EADE	14tis Name: SUE	ERY NOVAS TEAM LIADER	
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BASIS OF DISCRIMINATION

Please tell us why you were discriminated against by checking one or more of the boxes below.



You do not need to provide information for every type of discrimination on this list. Before you check a box, make sure you are checking it only if you believe it was a reason for the discrimination. Please look at the list on Page 1 for an explanation of each type of discrimination.

Please note: Some types of discrimination on this list do not apply to all of the regulated areas listed on Page 3. (For example, Conviction Record applies only to Employment and Credit complaints, and Familial Status is a basis only in Housing and Credit complaints). These exceptions are listed next to the types of discrimination below.

i believe i was discriminated a	igainst because of my:
☐ Age (Does not apply to Public Accommodations) Date of Birth:	☐ Genetic Predisposition (Employment only) Please specify:
☐ Arrest Record (Only for Employment, Licensing, and Credit) Please specify:	☐ Marital Status Please specify:
☐ Conviction Record (Employment and Credit only) Please specify:	☐ Military Status: Please specify:
☐ Creed / Religion Please specify:	National Origin Please specify:
☐ Disability Please specify:	☐ Race/Color or Ethnicity Please specify:
☐ Domestic Violence Victim Status: (Employment only) Please specify:	☐ Sex Please specify: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Pregnancy ☐ Sexual Harassment
☐ Familial Status (Housing and Credit only) Please specify:	☐ Sexual Orientation Please specify:
Retaliation (if you filed a discrimination case before, or reported discrimination due to race, sex, or any other category	
Please specify:	



Before you turn to the next page, please check this list to make sure that you provided information *only* for the type of discrimination that relates to your complaint.

EMPLOYMENT OR INTERNSHIP DISCRIMINATION

Please answer the questions on this page only if you were discriminated against in the area of employment or internship. If not, turn to the next page.

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